WHAT ADORABLE KIDS THEY ARE

DID YOU SAY THE BOY IS YOUR LATE FRIEND'S SON?
YES, SIR HE IS A VERY BRAVE AND SMART BOY. HIS FATHER WOULD BE VERY PROUD
HE WANTED ME TO RAISE HIM... TO GIVE HIM A NORMAL LIFE AND LEAD HIM DOWN THE RIGHT PATH WAS HIS LAST WISH.
HMM...

DO YOU SEE HIM AS A POTENTIAL HUSBAND FOR YOUR DAUGHTER?
HA-HA-HA THEY'RE JUST KIDS, BUT WHATEVER WILL BE, WILL BE.
HUG
HUG

SPRINKLES DURING A FIRESTORM...
SHE'S LIKE A GREAT BLAZE THAT BURNS DOWN A FOREST AND SO A SPRINKLE OF RAIN DOES NOTHING...
I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU TOO.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

WAAAH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
TAE-JOO!
HE'S BLEEDING! BRING SOME NAPKINS!
MAN! IT'S LUCKY HE DIDN'T LOSE HIS FINGER!
GET THE CAR! WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL!

WERE YOU PLAYING WITH A KNIFE? WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
S.O.
WHAT HAPPENED?

HE'S MINE NOW!
THUMP
TING

WATER AND FIRE CAN ONLY DREAM ABOUT EACH OTHER...
WAAAAH

Chapter 6
Four Posts Of Fate

PEOPLE SAY IT'S A GOOD SIGN IF IT RAINS ON YOUR WEDDING DAY BUT..
...IT'S A PAIN.
MY DRESS WILL GET WET.
MUMBLE MUMBLE
IT'LL RUIN THE PICTURES

OH, WHAT'S THIS?

THE WRAPPING IS SO PRETTY, ISN'T IT?
AIEEEEE
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
GET IT OUT OF HERE! IS THIS SOME KIND OF CURSE?

WHAT'S THIS?
THAT'S, UH .UM...
NEVER MIND!
I KNOW WHO MUST'VE DONE THIS...
..AND SHE MUST BE REALLY MAD

KA-
-POW
WHOMP

AH...
I'M NOT DONE YET.
NOT UNTIL I SEE YOU BLEED.

BRRR

HE'S WHERE?
SKRRR

SORRY.
HEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
STOP HER!

TAE-JOO!
VROOO
RRR-
-OOM

HOSPITAL
TOK
TOK
TOK
IT LOOKS LIKE MANG-CHI DID THIS.
HE USED A DISGUISE TO SNEAK IN. THEY KNEW YOU'D LEAVE US AFTER THE WEDDING.
HOW'S THE BOSS DOING?
UH...HE TOLD US NOT TO TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED.
SIR!

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
TAE-JOO?
YES, BOSS
YOUR .. WEDDING?
CANCELLED IT
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
I PROMISED YOUR DAD THAT I WOULD GIVE YOU A NORMAL LIFE...
I WANT YOU TO WATCH TV AND GO FOR WALKS WITH YOUR WIFE..
..GO TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL PLAY AND READ TO HIM AT NIGHT..

SORRY, BOSS.
I SEE I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER WAY
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YUN-OOK. ONLY YOU CAN CONTROL HER.
THAT'S NOT WHO I WAS MEANT TO BE
BAM

I TOLD YOU NOT TO FIGHT!
YOU'RE AN OLD MAN NOW. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
LOOK AT YOURSELF! HOW MANY TIMES DID THEY STAB YOU?
OOK

TAE-JOO!

HOW COULD YOU EVEN THINK OF MARRYING ANOTHER WOMAN?
DON'T I'LL BE AN ADUL NEXT YEAR
DID YOU FORGET? I TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE MINE.
I'M NOT MESSING AROUND, DAD!
I WAS GOING TO KILL HIS BRIDE ON THEIR HONEY-MOON!
KYAA OFF
BOSS!

...
YES, SIR?
HE WANTS TO MAKE HIS LAST WISH
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? STOP JOKING!
MISS
SWISH
I'M NOT JOKING THIS TIME.
DAD!
OOK .. DON'T BE STUBBORN. LEAVE TAE-JOO ALONE.

YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM.
DAD..
YOU TWO..
--CAN NEVER BE TOGETHER

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, BOSS.
SHUT UP! SAY ANOTHER WORD AND I'LL KILL YOU!
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT, DAD? TAKE IT BACK! NOW!
OOK... PROMISE ME
HURRY... SHUFFE SHUFFE
BEEP
BEEP!

OOK HURRY...
NO...
NO! DON'T "DON'T" ASK ME TO PROMISE THAT, DAD
NO, I CAN'T!
THAT WOULD KILL ME
I, YUN-OOK KANG CAN ONLY LOVE TAE-JOO MOON
NO! TAE-JOO IS THE ONLY ONE I LOVE!

OOK
YOU SHOULD LET HIM REST IN PEACE.
BEEP
BEEP

FINE...
GRAB OF
YES...
MY GOOD L'IL PRINCESS..

MY POOR DAUGHTER...

HEY, LADY.
WHY DON'T YOU HANG OUT WITH US? YOU LOOK KINDA CUTE.
AND TALL SHOW US WHATCHU GOT UNDER THERE
HEY, GUYS! CAN I JOIN THE PARTY?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO HANG OUT IN THIS NEIGHBOR-HOOD
YUN...OOK. WE..WE'RE JUST...
PASSING BY WHEN SHE CALLED US OVER
YOU TEAM!

POW
BIF
BAM
AND DON'T COME BACK!
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE BUT...
HUH?

.. YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD
I..I'M FINE!
HE'S A MAN!
LET ME WRAP THAT CUT WITH THIS
ISN'T IT HEAVY?
WHAT?

THIS GUY.. LOOK'S LIKE TAE-JOO.
ESPECIALLY WITH THOSE .
THAT'S A PRETTY BIG STICK FOR SUCH A LITTLE LADY.
..PIERCING EYES!

TAK
IT'S NOT HEAVY!
I'M STRONG!
OH, REALLY?
YUN-OOK!
CRUD!

STOP FOLLOWING ME! DON'T SAY A WORD!
TROUBLEMAKER.
?
YOU PLAYED HOOKY AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?

SO? WHAT DO YOU CARE?
YOU STILL NEED TO BE PROTECTED
IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU.
I DON'T NEED THE MAFIA TO TAKE CARE OF ME.
I'M SO LATE.
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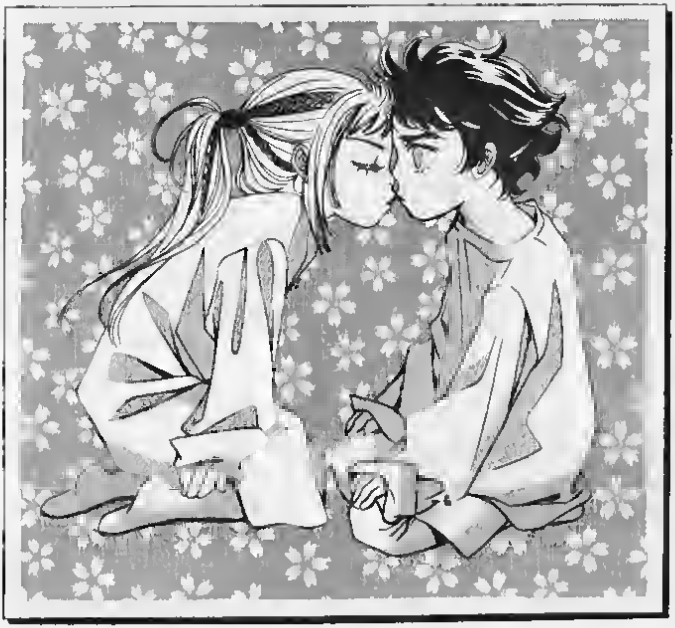
CHO-
MWAH

HE'S TAKING CARE OF ME FROM NOW ON.



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WHAT THE---
SWISH
SWISH
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THAT SOMEONE'S PEEKING ON ME?

HMM.
TOK
TOK
TOK
JINGLE
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS ODD-SHAPED THING!
!

THE OWNER OF THIS SHOP IS BUN-NYUH CHO. SHE OWES THE BANK AND CREDIT UNION A TOTAL OF 9,000,000 WON.
SHE OWES US 3,000,000 WON. SHE AVERAGES LESS THAN TWO CUSTOMERS A DAY.
THIS STORE HAS THE LOWEST SALES IN THE AREA. THAT GUY HAS BEEN WORKING HERE FOR A YEAR BUT WE HAVE OTHER CONCERNS
W-WHAT'S GOING ON? WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY YOU TODAY.

I'M TAE-JOO MOON
I'M YANG.
OKAY, MASTER YANG.
O HA-HA-HA-HA-BWA-HA-HA-HA!
"MASTER"? THAT'S FUNNY.
WATCH YOUR MOUTH OR ELSE.
ULP
HOW LONG HAVE YOU TWO BEEN DATING?
HE'S DATING HER? IS HE CRAZY? SHE'S SO YOUNG.
WAIT, FIRST, HOW OFTEN DO YOU WASH YOUR HAIR?
DEADPAN
WHATEVER! YOU SAID YOU'D LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION IF I STARTED DATING! SO GET LOST ALREADY!

SO SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE. SHE'S QUITE A JOKER...
JUST BUY WHAT YOU LIKE AND LET'S GO.
GRAB
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD I'M SERIOUS THIS TIME
YOUR DAD ASKED ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU... I HAVE NO CHOICE.
HERE THEY GO AGAIN.
HE'LL WIN THIS ONE. SHE'S ONLY DOING IT FOR ATTENTION
DATE A REAL MAN IF YOU KEEP PLAYING THESE GAMES...
...I'D RATHER NOT SEE YOU. MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO ABROAD TO STUDY?

SHOPPING IS THE BEST THERAPY.
GIVE ME A BIG BAG. I'M BUYING IT ALL.
HA.
BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU?
BONG
BONG
BONG
BONG
OH SHIT
SHOOP
WHATTA SHOPPER
...!!

WSHH
OH, MISS/ WAIT..
THAT'S NOT FOR SALE..
HUSH, YANG!
WHAT IS IT?
EVERYTHING IS FOR SALE
FFT

GET THE MONEY FROM THAT MAFIA BOSS.
THIS EMPLOYEE!
IT'S NOT THAT...
SHE'S HERE! ONE, TWO, THREE...
DO YOU NEED HELP?
NO!
BAM!
안녕히 돌아가세요~!!
GOOD NIGHT!!
HA-HA-HA! MADE MORE THAN A MONTH'S INCOME IN ONE DAY!

YOU KNOW, MAYBE HER FATE OF BECOMING A WIDOW IS BECAUSE OF HER TEMPER..
BUT WHO NEEDS MEN, WHEN YOU HAVE MONEY.
!
WHAT DID I ..?
YOU...

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
WHAT DID I JUST SAY?
HUH?

GRAB
DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE BODY ENERGY THEORY?
LETS JUST GO BOSS.
NEVER SEEN A MAN OF SUCH PURE ENERGY! PLEASE COME AGAIN!
BOY, AM I STUPID? HOW COULD I SAY SUCH A THING?
WHEW.

SHE'S A FORMER BEAUTY QUEEN WHOSE FATHER OWNS YOUNG-SAN FINANCIAL
SHE'LL MAKE AN EXCELLENT WIFE
I'VE NEVER DISOBEYED YOU AND YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO FORCE ME TO DO ANYTHING BUT..
...IS THIS JUST FOR BUSINESS?

YOU CAN'T MARRY YUN-OOK.
BECAUSE OF THAT MONK?
I DON'T BUY THAT NONSENSE.
NEITHER DID I BUT...
...LOOK HOW FATE'S MADE ME A WIDOWER.

OOK WON'T GIVE UP UNLESS YOU MARRY SOMEONE ELSE AND YOU MUST DO THIS BEFORE .
SHE FINISHES SCHOOL.
SHE'LL GET OVER YOU. SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT. AND REMEMBER...
...THIS IS ALSO FOR YOU.
LET HER RESENT YOU THE REST OF HER LIFE.
IF I CAN'T BE WITH HER..

THEN THIS IS FOR THE BEST
PLACING A LINE THAT CAN'T BE CROSSED, AND JUST LOOKING HER FROM BEHIND. THAT'S HOW IT HAS TO BE.
...

AN HOUR 'TILL CLOSING
SHOULD'VE STOPPED HER...

I'M WORRIED. WILL SHE BE ALL RIGHT?
YOU'RE BAD...
NOT DOING A THING?
I HAVE NO CHOICE .IF THIS IS HER DESTINY.

CHIRP
CHIRP
WOOZY~
OHH.. WHAT'S..
.. WRONG WITH ME?
OHH...
SO TIRED

송송 문구점
FOING
FOING
THERE! GET THAT ONE!
JUMP! JUMP!
...
?
OUR BOSS ISN'T TOO HAPPY WITH YOU

WHO, ME?
AREN'T YOU A PSYCHIC?!
THE OWNER TOLD US YOU KNOW TAOIST MAGIC AND PREDICTED YUN-OOK WOULD BE A WIDOW!
SORRY, YANG!
WE KNOW YOU CAN STOP IT FROM HAPPENING. WE DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT, BUT YOU MUST CHANGE HER FATE!
POOR YUN-OOK... WIDOW...

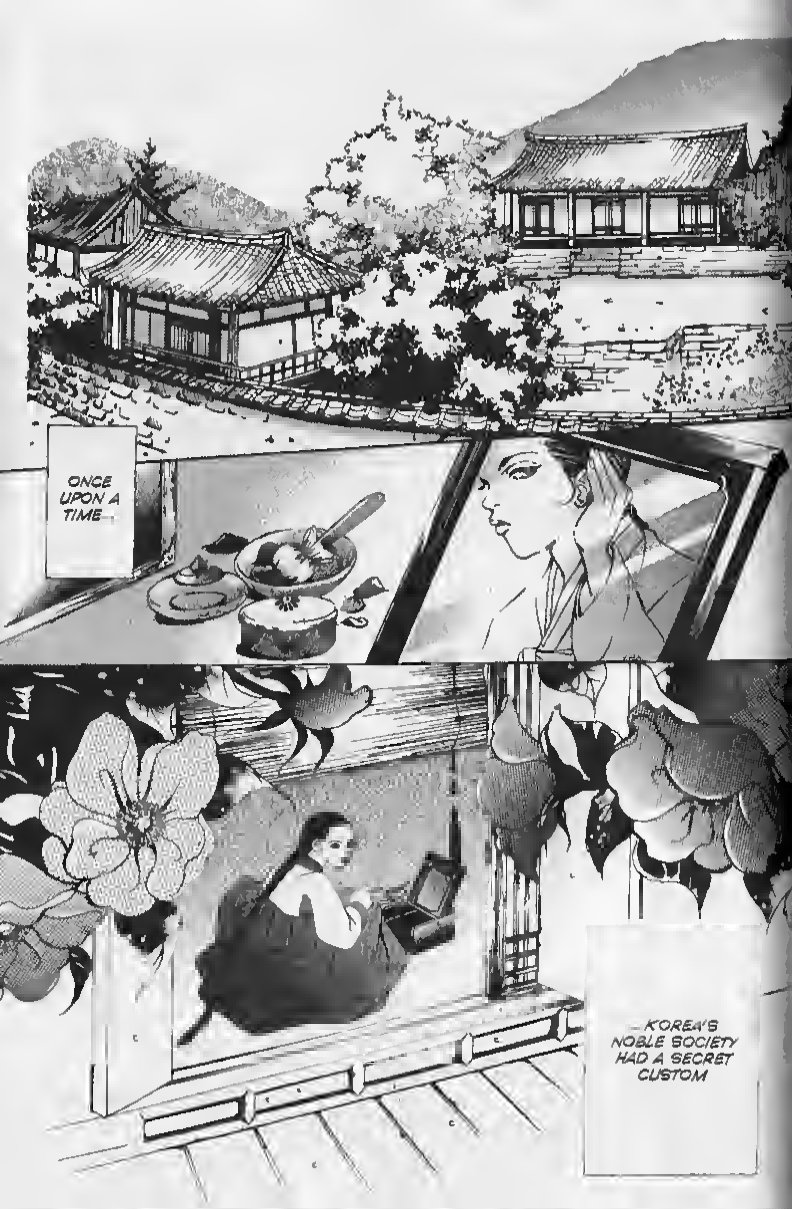
IF YOU DO THIS FOR US, WE'LL FORGET THE STORE'S DEBTS!
AND OUR BOSS'LL REWARD YOU!
DO THEY LOVE EACH OTHER?
OF COURSE! BUT THEY'VE BEEN KEPT APART FOR OBVIOUS REASONS!
OUR BOSS REALLY CARES FOR YUN-OOK!
HE'D PROTECT HER FROM ANYTHING!

DON'T YOU GET IT?
SHE ISN'T THE ONE YOU SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT...
JUST LIKE RIPPLES IN A POND, THE FATE OF ONE PERSON AFFECTS THAT OF ANOTHER ONE PERSON'S SAJU* INFLUENCES THE OTHER
THUS, A WIFE'S SAJU
IMPACTS HER HUSBANDS YUN-OOK IS FATED TO BE A WIDOW.
THEREFORE, A COUPLE'S GOONGHAP** MUST BE GOOD.
SO, IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING
, YUN-OOK WILL KILL HER HUSBAND
*SAJU: ONE'S FATE AND FORTUNE AS DETERMINED BY THE YEAR, MONTH, DAY AND HOUR OF ONE'S BIRTH
**GOONGHAP: A COUPLE'S COMPATIBILITY BASED ON THEIR COMBINED SAJU

MASTER! PLEASE!
PLEASE SAVE OUR BOSS! WE'LL DO ANYTHING!
PLEASE!
THEN, TAKE THIS.
OH.. WHAT IS IT, MASTER?

ARE YOU SURE YOU WILL DO ANYTHING FOR YOUR BOSS?
KRA
KOOM
KRRRRR

KRA-KOOM


ONCE UPON A TIME...
...KOREA'S NOBLE SOCIETY HAD A SECRET CUSTOM

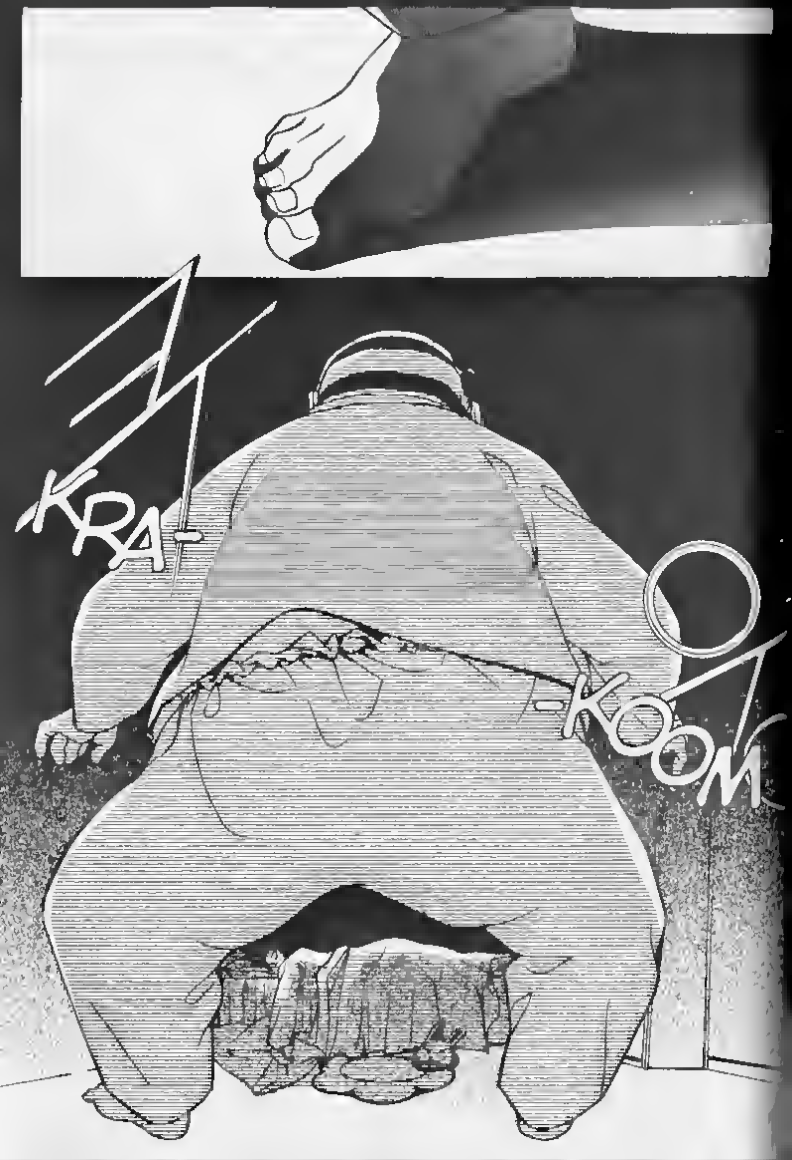
BRRROOOMMM
DURING THE CHOSUN DYNASTY, IT WAS FORBIDDEN FOR A WIDOW TO RE-MARRY. THE CHILDREN OF REMARRIED WOMEN WERE DISCRIMINATED BY LAW AND IF A WIDOW COMMITTED SUICIDE, IT BROUGHT HONOR TO HER FAMILY
烈女
ERRRT
THUS, CERTAIN ACTS WERE CARRIED OUT IN SECRET.

ON THE DARKEST OF NIGHTS...
SHOOM
...A MAN WOULD BE KIDNAPPED AND CARRIED OFF IN A LARGE SACK...
...BY THE SERVANTS OF A WOMAN WHOSE SAJU SAID SHE WAS FATED TO BE A WIDOW

THE MAN IN THE SACK WAS FORCED TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN THE ROOM OF THE WIDOW-TO-BE
AND IN THE MORNING...
...THE SERVANTS WOULD KILL THAT MAN AND DISPOSE OF THE BODY

THIS SECRET ACT, KNOWN AS "BOSAM", WAS BELIEVED TO CHANGE THE GIRL'S FATE.
VRRRRRRRR
SINCE SHE WAS SYMBOLICALLY MARRIED TO A MAN WHO DIED, HER "REAL" HUSBAND WOULD THEN BE SAFE

SSSK...
FASTER! IT'S ALMOST MORNING!
WHOOSH


KRA-
-KOOM

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SHHH
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HUFF
HUFF

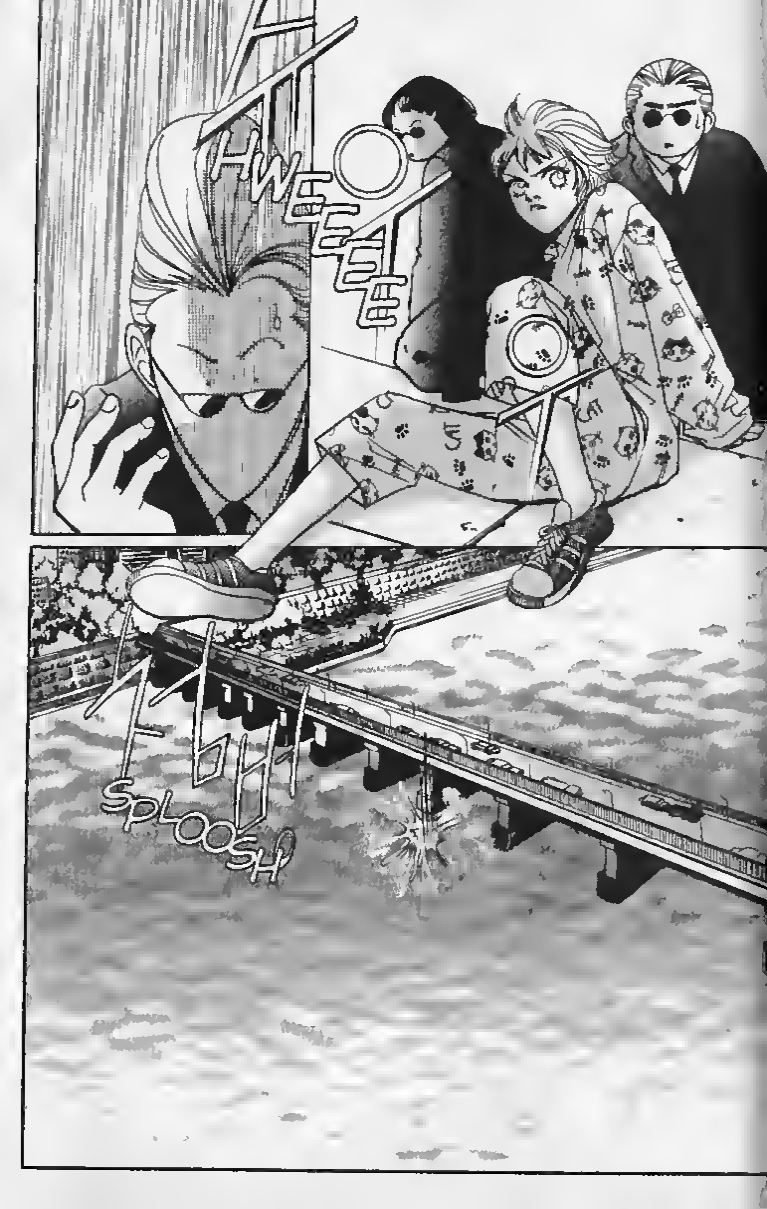
AHHHH!
YUN-OOK!
KICK
WHUD
RAID

BOSAM?
ARE YOU CRAZY?
...FINDING SOMEONE.. SO, IT'S THE CLERK FROM THE ANTIQUE SHOP.
DO YOU BELIEVE THAT CRAP? WHO'S IN THERE???
WE HAD TROUBLE..

DON'T WORRY, WE GOT THIS
YOU MORONS KIDNAPPED THE GUY WHO TRIED TO HELP YOU?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
HEY!

THIS IS MURDER!
LOSAM IS JUST A SUPERSTITION!
WE DON'T CARE!
WHATEVER IT TAKES TO FREE YOU AND THE BOSS OF YOUR CURSE!
YOU CAN'T!

WE CAN! LET GO!
NO!
GRAB
EEK! I'M SORRY!
!
WRIGGLE
PERVERT! HOW DARE YOU DO THAT!


HWEEEE
SPLOOSH

ONE WHO SAYS THAT THEY'VE SEEN OR COME INTO CONTACT WITH A GHOST...
...HAS EXTREMELY WEAK ENERGY. THEY'RE NOT POSSESSED, BUT RATHER THEY ARE VERY SENSITIVE AND POSSIBLY HAVE A CIRCULATION PROBLEM.
"SASOO" --SEEING, HEARING, TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'S NOT REAL.
SEEING GHOSTS, CLAIMING POSSESSION OR ANY SUCH NONSENSE IS EVIDENCE OF MENTAL INSTABILITY.
THIS IS A SYMPTOM OF "EXTREMELY WEAK BODY ENERGY".

HA-HA-HA-HA I WAS WORRIED FOR NOTHING
MAYBE I'LL TAKE SOME OF DR JUN HUH'S* HERBAL MEDICINE
동의보
*FAMOUS ORIENTAL DOCTOR FROM THE CHOSUN DYNASTY.
LOOK AT THE TIME! WHERE THE HECK IS YANG?
COULD HE...
...BE IN TROUBLE WITH THOSE MOB GUYS?

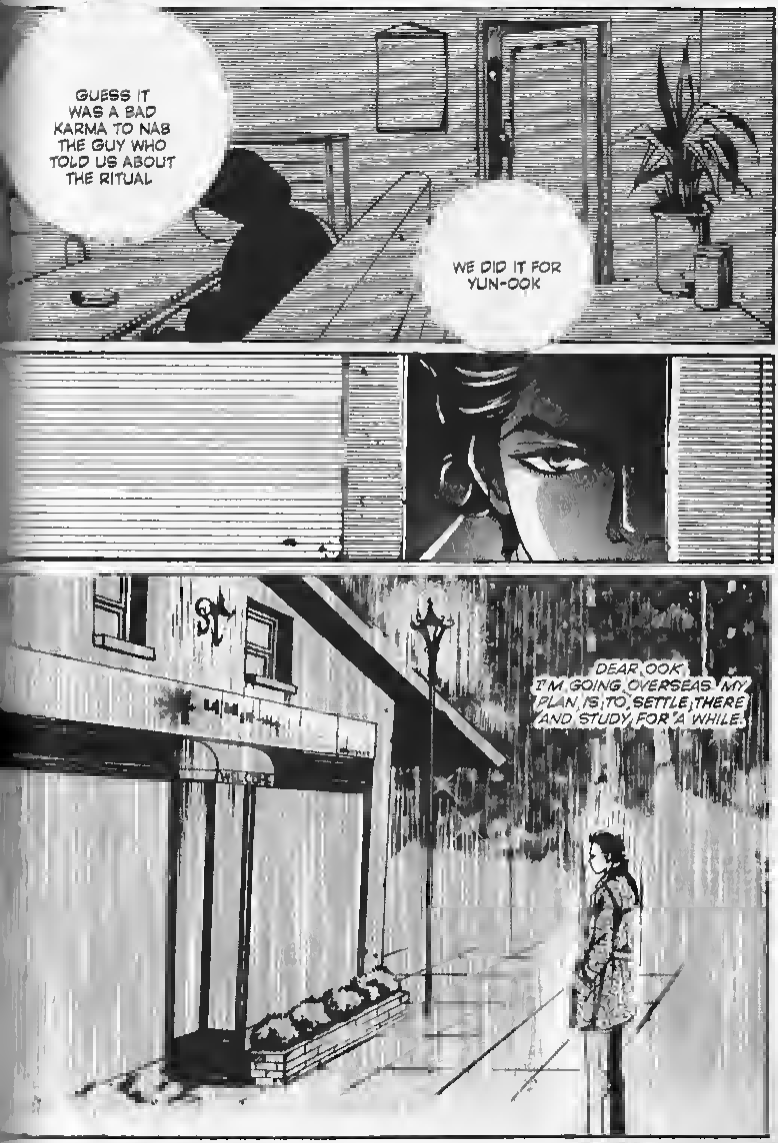
RRING
NOT AT THE OFFICE AND WON'T ANSWER HIS CELL...
KEEP TRYING...
WE CAN HANDLE ANYTHING---
TRY AGAIN!

RRRRING
RRRRING
RRRRING
RRRRING
YES, HELLO?
GOOD MORNING

PHONE
PHONE
IS IT THE COPS?
IT...
IT'S THAT.
...GUY FROM THE ANTIQUE GIFT SHOP!

speaker
I'M CALLING BECAUSE I HAVE MR TAE-JOO MOON'S WALLET.
HE MUST'VE DROPPED IT HERE AT THE STORE LAST NIGHT WHILE I WAS OUT.
AND THERE WAS A NOTE FOR MISS YUN-OOK TOO.
WHAT?!
WHY DID HE...?
FSSHHHH

?
PSS PSS
YUN-OOK'S FATHER WAS EXTREMELY SUPERSTITIOUS. WE HAVE TO BELIEVE YANG. HE KNEW ALL ABOUT THAT STUFF.
DID YOU SEE THE LIGHTNING? RIGHT OUT OF A MOVIE! THE RITUAL'S GOT TO WORK!


GUESS IT WAS A BAD KARMA TO NAB THE GUY WHO TOLD US ABOUT THE RITUAL
WE DID IT FOR YUN-OOK
DEAR OOK,
I'M GOING OVERSEAS. MY PLAN IS TO SETTLE THERE AND STUDY FOR A WHILE.

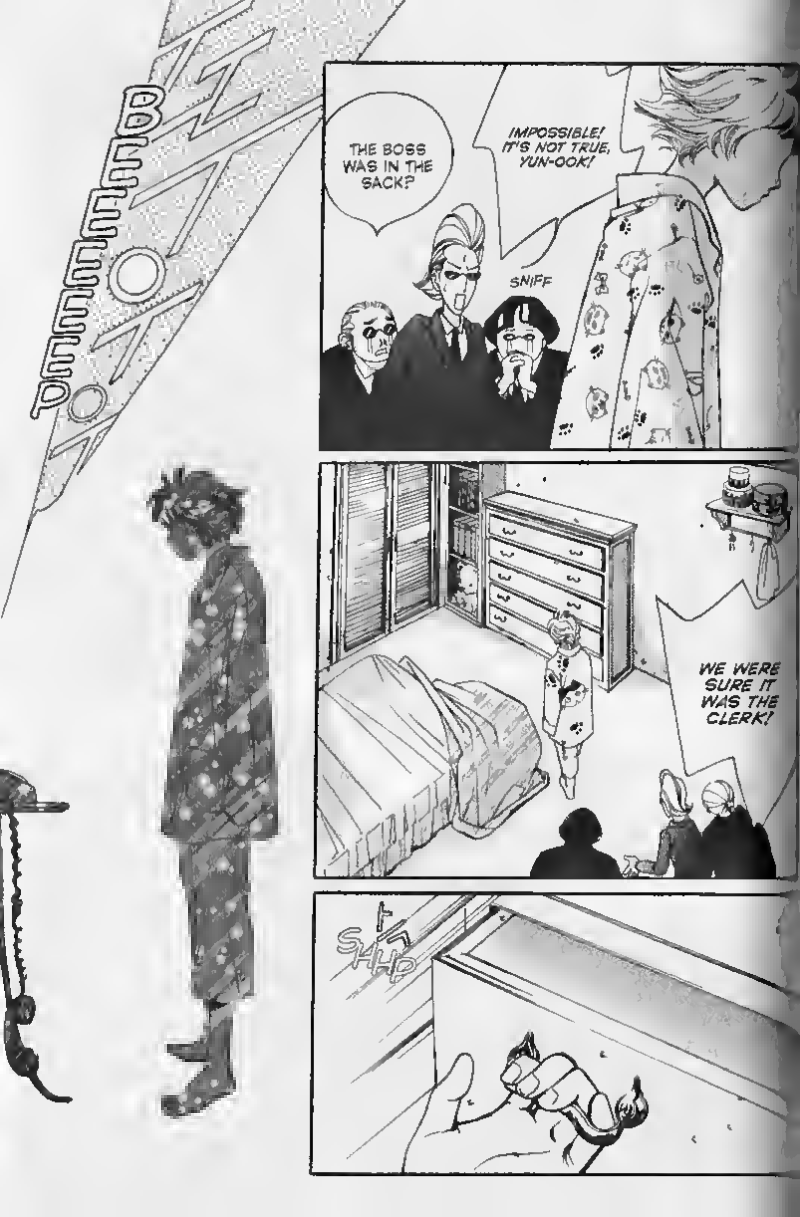
DON'T LOOK FOR ME, DON'T...
KLIK
IS THERE A POWER FAILURE?
PERFECT C'MON

I WISH I COULD BE THERE FOR YOU . SORRY

--TAE-JOO

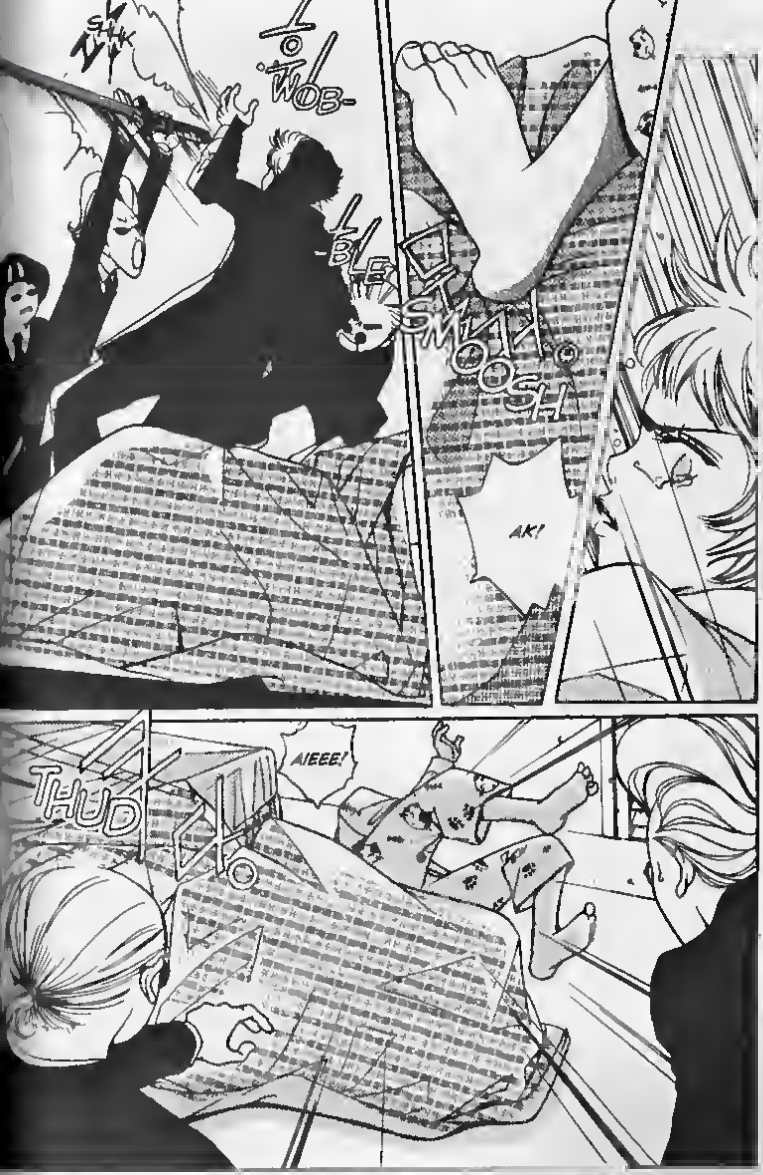
...IS THE REASON I LIVE

THAT'S IT.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP


BEEE

KWIO
SHHING
SHHK
YUN-OOK!

STOP! YUN-OOK! DON'T DO IT!
TAKE THE SWORD!
IF HE'S GONE, I HAVE NO REASON TO LIVE!
LET GO OF ME!
CALM DOWN! IT'S A MISTAKE!


SHHK
WOB-
BLE
SMACK
AK!
THUD
AIEEE!

WHERE'D THIS COME FROM?
HSPRONG
HWRIGGLE
SHRRRP

SHRRP
OH..
...MY GOD
HA. HA-HA-HA..

HA
HA
HA
HA
HA

SPLASH
SPLASH

THANK YOU. YOU DID WELL
I ENJOY MY WORK
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SO LAST NIGHT WAS EXCITING

WAS IT HARD?
IT SEEMS TO COME NATURALLY TO YOU
I APOLOGIZE FOR PUTTING YOU THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE.
BUT THE OTHER ANTIQUES THINK I'M AN ANIMAL?
LITTLE BIT...
NOT AT ALL! LAST NIGHT WAS A RELEASE! HAD A LOT OF PENT UP ENERGY FROM LOOKING AT BUN-NYUH AT THE SHOP.
MISS "WILD STYLE" BUN-NYUH!
WOOSH
OH, YEAH!

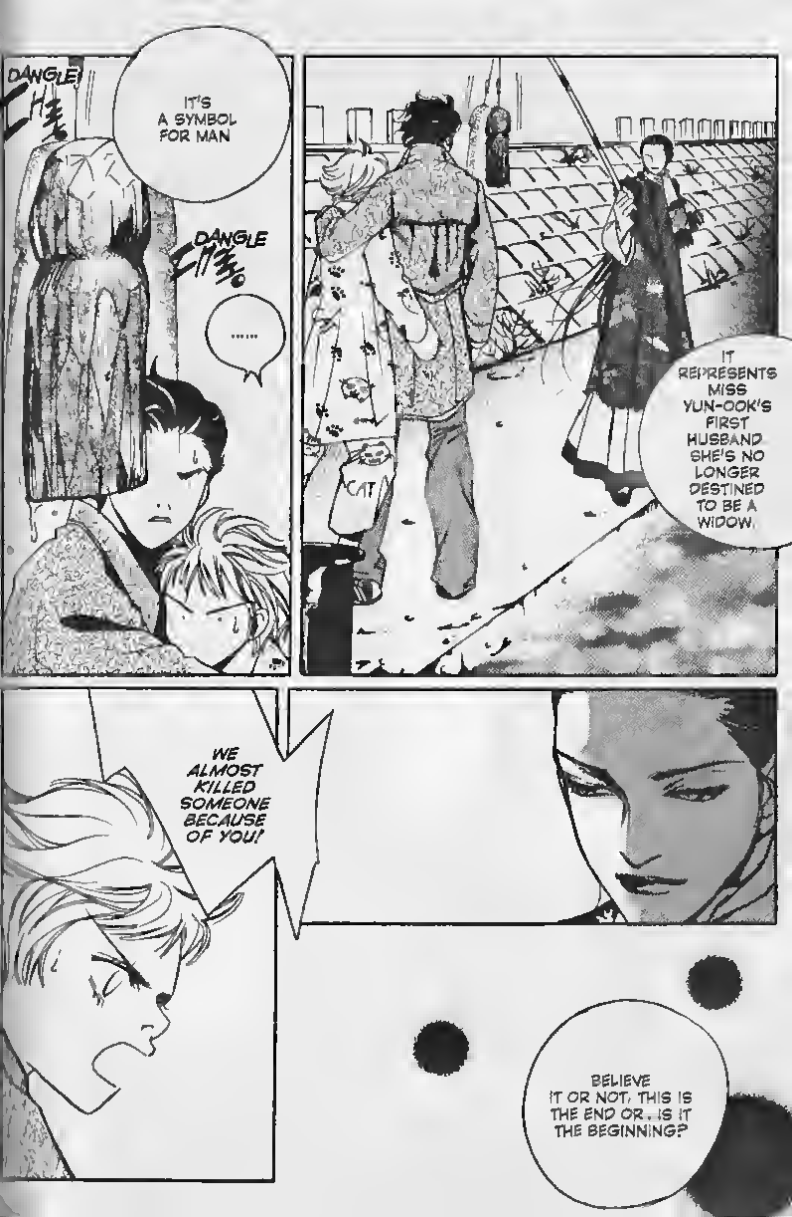
THEY'RE COMING! TIME TO GO!
TOK
TOK
TOK
DON'T WANT TO GET ALL HOT AND BOTHERED AGAIN! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

NO TIME FOR FISHING! WE HAVE A PROBLEM!
SO?
THERE WAS AN INNOCENT MAN IN THE SACK!
WHO HE WAS DOESN'T MATTER. SHE SUCCESSFULLY CHANGED HER FATE. CONGRATULATIONS.

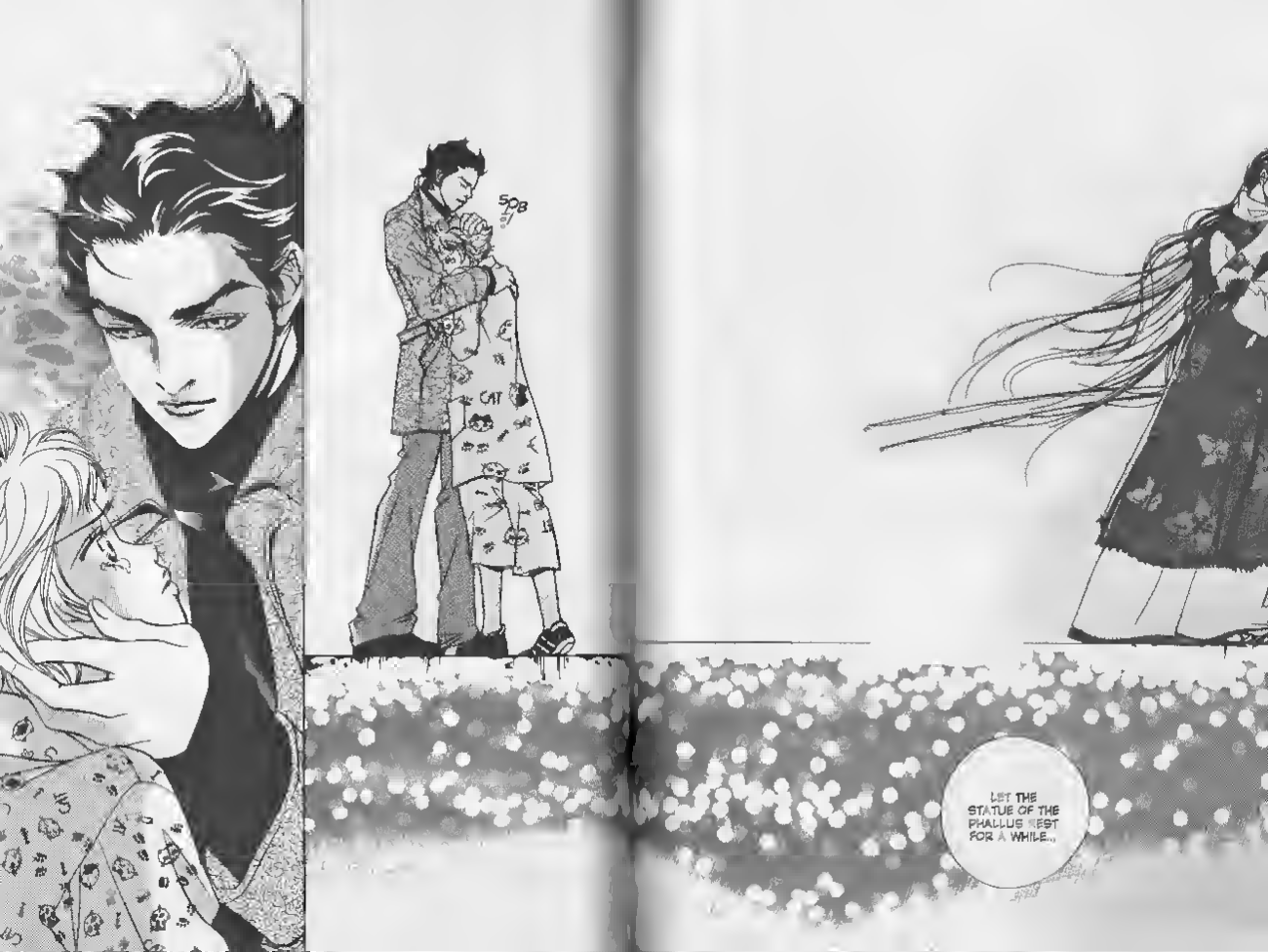
SHE BECAME A WIDOW, AND THUS, HER NEW HUSBAND WILL HAVE A LONG LIFE.
WOBBLE
BOSOM WAS MISUNDERSTOOD AS A GAME USING SOCIAL POWER TO INDULGE IN SEXUAL DESIRE BUT...
—IT WAS A VERY CRUEL AND SECRET CEREMONY

TELL ME WHO WAS IN THE SACK.
YOU MEAN...
—THIS ONE?

IT'S THE STATUE OF THE PHALLUS
FWWP
OH, PLEASE BE CAREFUL
IT'S ONE OF THE ANTIQUES SHE WANTED THE DAY SHE WAS AT THE SHOP. I TRIED TO STOP HER BUT...
NOT FOR SALE


DANGLE
IT'S A SYMBOL FOR MAN
DANGLE
.....
IT REPRESENTS MISS YUN-OOK'S FIRST HUSBAND SHE'S NO LONGER DESTINED TO BE A WIDOW.
CAT
WE ALMOST KILLED SOMEONE BECAUSE OF YOU!
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS THE END OR, IS IT THE BEGINNING?

THE YEAR, MONTH, DAY AND TIME OF ONE'S BIRTH MAY SEEM INSIGNIFICANT
BUT IT AFFECTS ONE'S LIFE TREMENDOUSLY IT REALLY IS THEIR DESTINY
THIS IS CALLED SAJU
SAJU DETERMINES A PERSON'S FATE ON THE WHEEL OF THE ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE.
MOST PEOPLE LIVE THEIR LIVES AND NEVER TEMPT THEIR FATE
BUT SOMETIMES IT'S POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE UNIVERSE WITH GREAT SUPERNATURAL ENERGY
WITH ENOUGH ENERGY, YOU CAN CHANGE THE FOUR POSTS OF YOUR FATE
AND BY THE STRENGTH OF YOUR WILL, YOU TWO HAVE DONE EXACTLY THAT CHANGED HISTORY


SOB
CAT
LET THE STATUE OF THE PHALLUS REST FOR A WHILE...

FPT
FPT

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♫
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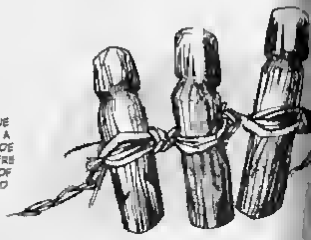
GLARE
HMM... WEIRD
SWISH
SWISH
IT FEELS LIKE...
...SOMEONE'S WATCHING ME

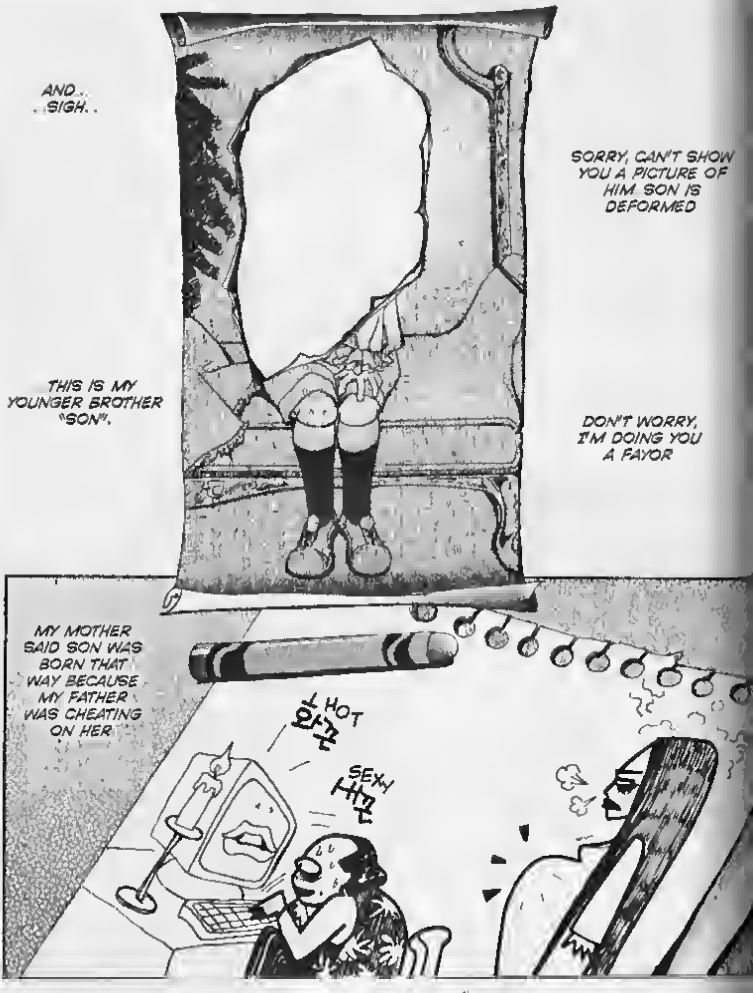
"THE PHALLIC STATUE" IN THE ANCIENT RELIGIONS, THE PHALLIC STATUE WAS USED NOT ONLY AS A FERTILITY SYMBOL, OR A CHARM TO HELP HAVE A SON BUT ALSO A MEANS OF TOTEM FOR A GOOD HARVEST. THEY WERE MADE FROM THE WOOD OF GREAT TREES FOUND HIGH UP IN THE MOUNTAINS WHERE HUMANS RARELY VENTURED. WORSHIPPERS OFFERED IT TO THE GODDESS OF THE VILLAGE IN THE HOPES OF PROSPERITY. HOWEVER IT WAS CONSIDERED ADULTERY IF IT WAS OFFERED TO A MARRIED GODDESS



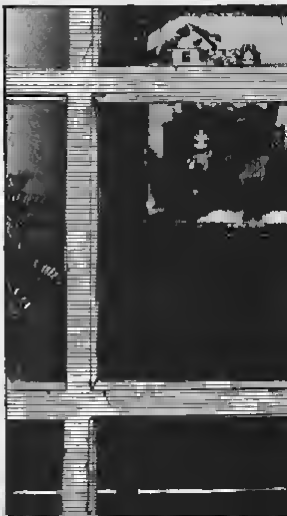
Chapter 7
Strange Family in Snow Heights

THIS IS MY FATHER
MY FATHER WAS AN OLD AND POOR BACHELOR, THIS HOUSE WAS ALL HE HAD. MY MOTHER WAS A DAUGHTER OF A NOBLE FAMILY WHEN THEY FIRST MET, THE FIRST THING SHE SAID TO HIM WAS...
IF YOU GIVE ME THIS HOUSE, I'LL GIVE YOU A CHILD...

THIS BABY WAS MY YOUNGEST BROTHER BUT WHEN HE WAS THREE MONTHS OLD, THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT, AND HE LEFT US.
MY FATHER CRIED INCESSANTLY. WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
MY SON...CRIP
SHHH
MY NAME IS DAUGHTER, AND I'M THE OLDEST CHILD IN THIS FAMILY.
USUALLY I'M A GOOD GIRL, BUT SOMETIMES I SNEAK OUTSIDE OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND, WITHOUT TELLING MY MOTHER.


AND.. .SIGH..
SORRY, CAN'T SHOW YOU A PICTURE OF HIM. SON IS DEFORMED
THIS IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER "SON".
DON'T WORRY, I'M DOING YOU A FAYOR
MY MOTHER SAID SON WAS BORN THAT WAY BECAUSE MY FATHER WAS CHEATING ON HER
HOT
SEXY
ONE SNOWY DAY..

BUT BECAUSE WE ARE FAMILY, WE HAD TO CARE ABOUT HIM, MY MOTHER WOULD SAY.



SO, I PROMISED TO BE A GOOD OLDER SISTER TO HIM, IF HE EVER CAME BACK.

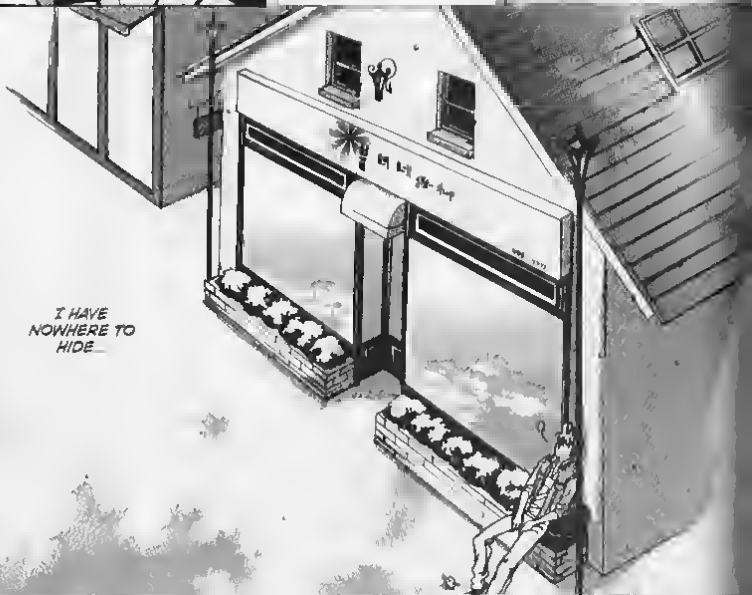
TOK
TOK
DING-DONG

SPECIAL DELIVERY!
MR. DONG-CHOON PARK? THIS IS FOR YOU!
THANKS, BUT WHO SENT IT?

SLASH
[4 1 3]

EXCELLENT WORK. LAY LOW UNTIL I CONTACT YOU.
WHAT ABOUT MY MONEY?

KLIK
SSK
SSK
RATS... SHOULD'VE ASKED TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE.



I HAVE NOWHERE TO HIDE...

DIG
DIG
!

HEY, YOU GOT A LIGHT?
...
HEY!
UH...
SHUDDER

TAKE A PICTURE! IT'LL LAST LONGER!
TSK
CREEPY CHICK.
STARING AT IT WON'T MAKE IT YOURS!

CHECK THIS!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.
KREEK
LA-LA-LA-LA-LA~

DA-
DA-DA-
DA-DA~
DING!

SLIP
HELLO? EXCUSE ME.
?
I'M A POLICE OFFICER.
HUH?!

TOK
TOK
TOK
BA-BUMP
HEY!
HOLD ON!
GOOD YOU HAVE THE ITEM!
SNATCH

KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS? YOU'RE LATE!
"THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME" --THAT'S YOUR MOTTO, NO?
I NEED THIS DELIVERED TODAY, AND DON'T FORGET TO GET THE 80,000 WON THEY OWE ME
GET A MOVE ON! IT'S WAY OUT IN THE COUNTRY!
UH...

GO ALREADY!
SORRY ABOUT THAT
OH ..KAY
HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
THERE WAS A HOMICIDE NEARBY..
SAY, WHAT DELIVERY COMPANY DOES THAT GUY WORK FOR?

HUFF HUFF HUFF
S
PHEW
I'M STARVING..

Gift shop
AND DON'T FORGET TO GET THE 80,000 WON THEY OWE ME

KRREK
WOW, THEY ACTUALLY BUILD HOUSES WAY OUT HERE
CHK CHK
KREE
EEK
...

DUN-
Heee
DUN-

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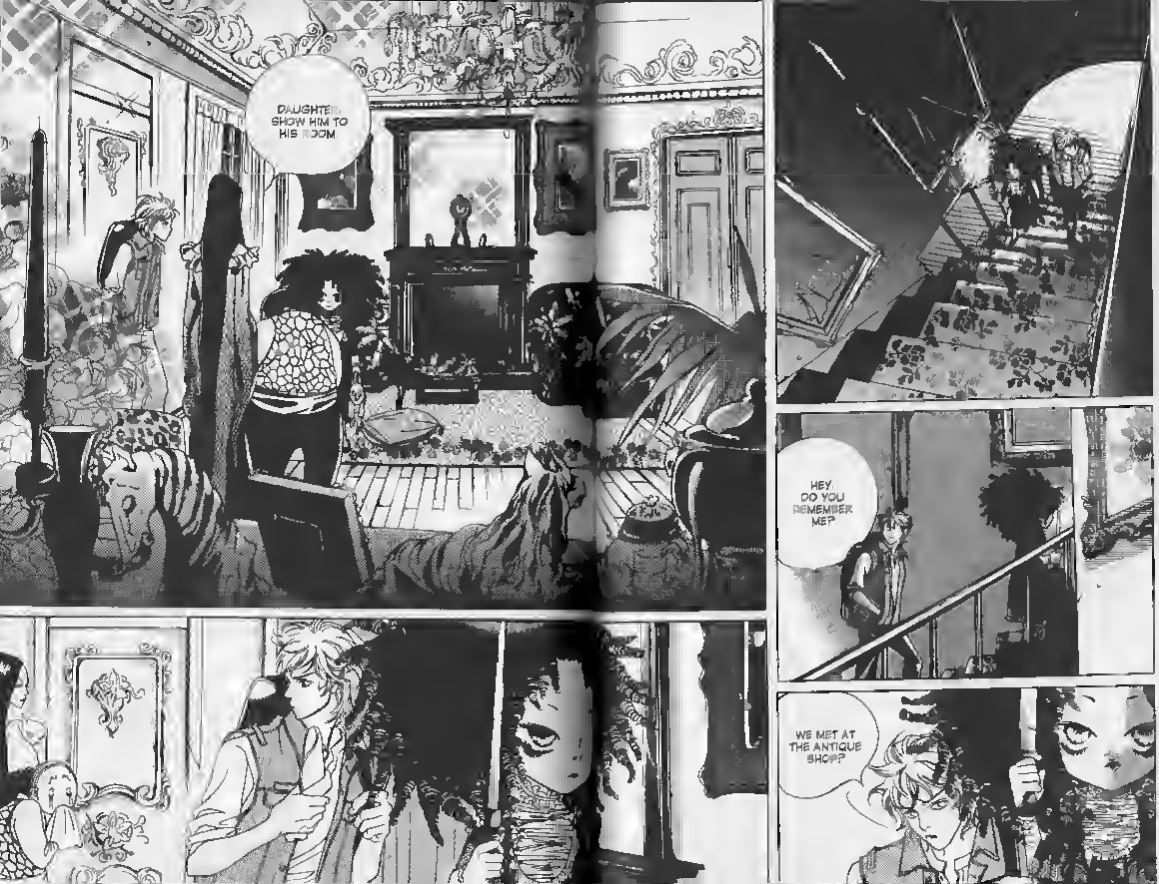
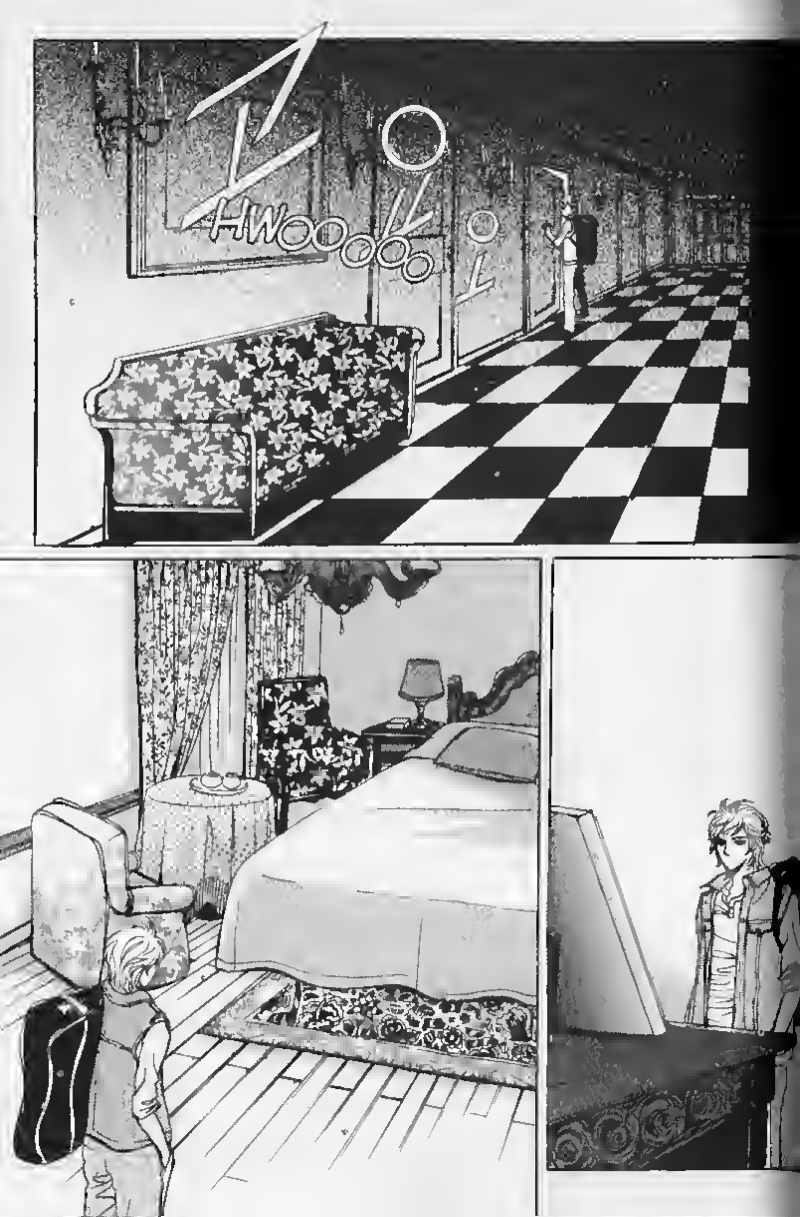
DELIVERY
...
IT'S TOO LATE TO TRAVEL BACK TO TOWN YOU CAN SPEND THE NIGHT
BUT, UH... WE'VE JUST MET...
I INSIST.

SLAM
SKREEK

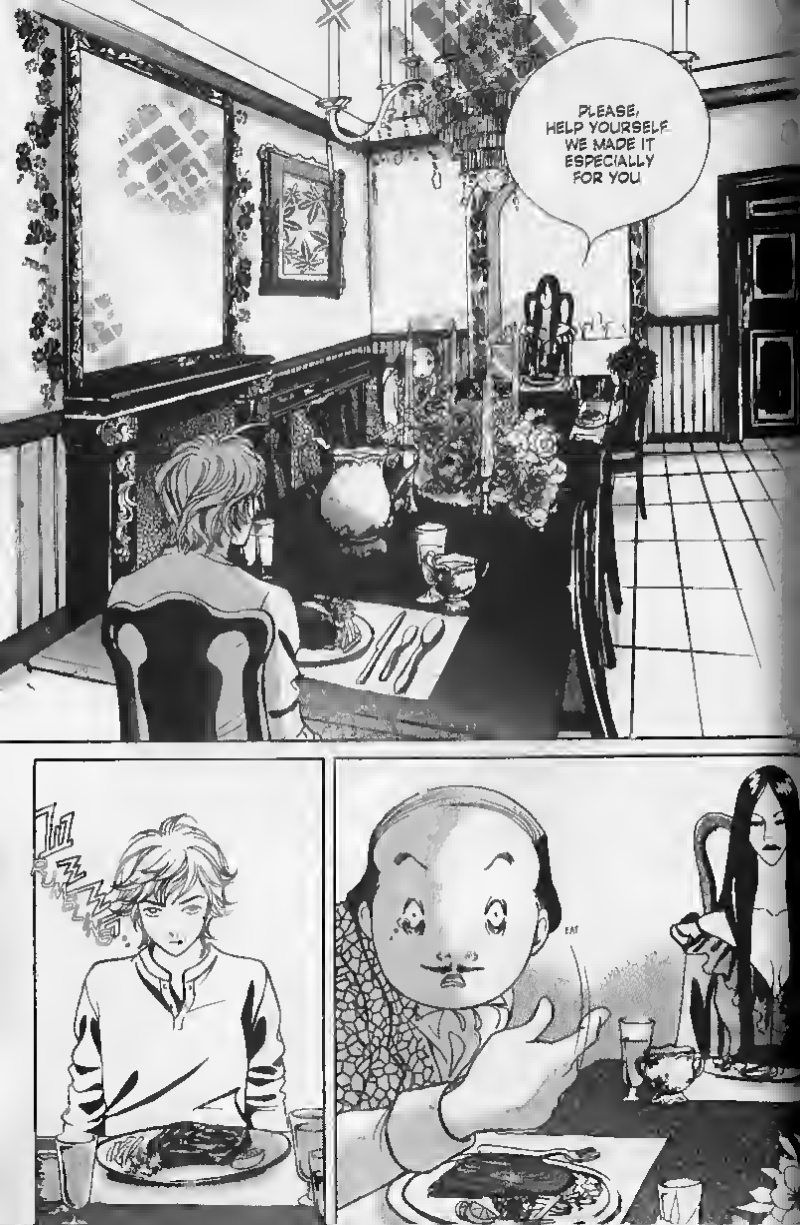

DAUGHTER, SHOW HIM TO HIS ROOM.
HEY. DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
WE MET AT THE ANTIQUE SHOP?

WE'VE NEVER LEFT THIS HOUSE
A SHIVER
SNIFF
SNIFF
HONEY STOP CRYING
WHAT'S WITH YOUR FAMILY? WHERE'S THE FUNERAL?
DON'T MIND FATHER

MY YOUNGER BROTHER RAN AWAY, BUT TODAY HE CAME BACK
HEH EVERY FAMILY'S GOT ONE LIKE THAT.
THIS IS YOUR ROOM.
YOUR FAMILY'S RICH, HUH?


HWOOOOO

COME AND EAT.
URK.
ARE YOU TRYING TO GIVE ME A HEART ATTACK?!


PLEASE, HELP YOURSELF. WE MADE IT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU
EAT

SHHK
MEAT'S RAW AND BLOODY..
DRIP DRIP DRIP
!
OKAY, THEN..

GULP
WOW. I'M NOT REALLY INTO RAW MEAT, BUT IT TASTES BETTER THAN IT LOOKS!
CHOP CHOP
OF COURSE IT'S GOOD THAT WAS MICHAEL, MY FAVORITE CAT.
GAH!!!
BLAAARGH
SHOULD I HAVE KILLED ANGELA, INSTEAD?
ANGELA IS PREGNANT, MOM.

THANKS FOR DINNER THINK I'LL SNOOZE NOW
BAM
PLEASE, DON'T WANDER AROUND AT NIGHT

YOU'RE WELCOME HERE AS LONG AS YOU LIKE, JUST LET US KNOW BEFORE YOU LEAVE
THIS WOMAN...
...IT'S LIKE SHE CAN READ MY MIND.
.....

THEY'RE SO RICH I CAN'T PASS UP CASING OUT THE HOUSE.

SO, SON HAS RETURNED
BUT HE'LL LEAVE AGAIN
HE MAY HAVE BEEN BORN A DEFORMED CHILD, BUT HE RAN AWAY BECAUSE OF US... WE MUST TAKE CARE OF HIM.

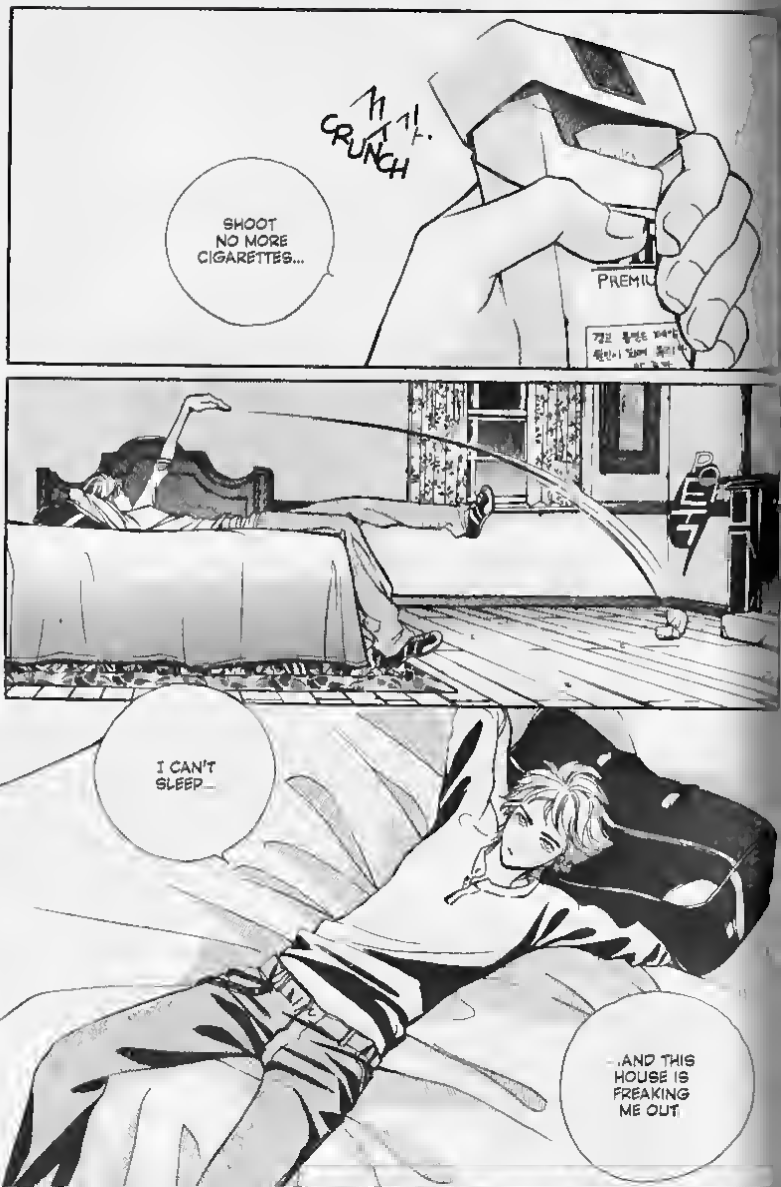
SON IS SO DIFFERENT FROM US. IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS
HE'S A MONSTER
LOOK IN A MIRROR MUCH?
DAUGHTER, YOU PROMISED ME YOU'D BE NICE TO HIM.
YOU'RE SUCH A KIND MOTHER, DARLING.
DARLING, IT'S NOTHING. SON IS THE SEED OF OUR LOVE.
LET'S PLANT ANOTHER SEED TONIGHT.

STOP IT. I DON'T NEED ANOTHER SIBLING
MWAH
MWAH
SMIRK
OWW

HAVE A NICE TRIP?
QUIT APPEARING OUT OF THIN AIR!
NOT NICE.
ELK
HEY, WHERE'S YOUR BROTHER ANYWAY?
HE'S SICK.
WHERE?

NEVER MIND IF YOU SEE HIM, JUST WALK ON BY LIKE HE DOESN'T EXIST
DON'T LOOK INTO HIS EYES
JUST SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND EARS

WHAT'S WITH THE CREEPY FACE?
C'MERE!
GET RID OF THIS CRAZY MAKE-UP! HERE, LET ME..
STOP..
WHAT THE HELL? IT WON'T COME OFF!
ZOOM


CRUNCH
SHOOT NO MORE CIGARETTES...
I CAN'T SLEEP...
...AND THIS HOUSE IS FREAKING ME OUT

WHAT I WOULDN'T DO FOR JUST ONE SMOKE...
FSS
FSS
FSS
FSS
!

AM I PSYCHIC OR WHAT?
LARK
PREMIUM ONE
LARK
MY FAVORITE BRAND TOO! DID THAT STUPID SON HIDE IT HERE?
KLICK
SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF

(SNIFF)
(SNIFF)
KREEEEK...

WHO IS IT?
SNIFF
HEY, WHY YOU CRYING?
I CAN'T SLEEP BECAUSE OF YOU
SORRY.

SO, ARE YOU THE STUPID SON OF THIS FAMILY?
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT ME?
DEFORMED MONSTER... TOO CREEPY TO HAVE ANY PHOTOS AROUND...
SMIRK
NOT REALLY. THEY DON'T REALLY TALK ABOUT YOU.
I CAN'T SLEEP-- WANNA CHAT?
HE SOUNDS LIKE A ZOMBIE FROM "DAWN OF THE DEAD."
FSSS
NO, PLEASE LEAVE. IF YOU SEE ME, YOU'LL HAVE NIGHTMARES...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, I'M TOUGH
WHAT COULD IT BE? A BROKEN NOSE, NO TEETH...
NO, LEAVE ME ALONE.
SNIFF
PLEASE GO.
WEBBED HANDS, BOWLEGS? HE MIGHT HAVE TO CRAWL LIKE SOME KIND OF FREAK.
WHOOSH

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